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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Patturajan and Vernet  
(as amended)

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Application No.: 10/038,854

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Examiner: Allen, Marianne P.

For: PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC  
ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Attorney Docket No.: Cura-530

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIMECommissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time for replying to the Office Action, which was mailed on October 19, 2005, in connection with above-identified application. With the extension, the reply is due on or before March 20, 2006 (March 19, 2006 is a Sunday).

Please charge \$225 (small entity) petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) or any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 502648, reference number Cura-530. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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